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SUBJECT: HUNGARY'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE NATO TRAINING  
MISSION-IRAQ

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¶1. MFA NATO Section Head Peter Sztaray discussed reftel with PolOff on February 24, stating that the Hungarian Government is politically committed to staying with the NATO Training Mission-Iraq at least through the end of 2009. Acknowledging that the three-person Hungarian team awaits an agreement on the status of NATO forces in Iraq prior to recommencing their training mission, Sztaray conveyed the view that the current negotiations are proceeding in a positive direction.

¶2. The DAO delivered the demarche in a separate meeting with the Hungarian MoD International Department Deputy, Colonel Istvan Toth. Colonel Toth, expressing his hope that the Hungarian mission can continue, raised the following questions:

- If the current NTM-I mission is extended past July 31st of this year, for how long will it be extended?
- Will there be an annual resolution on the mission that will require voting for further extensions?
- Who will fund this mission in the future - the EU, NATO, or only from participating countries?

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